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PATENT APPLICATION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully note that the following U.S. patents issued from applications cited in parent Application No. 09/127,031 filed July 31, 1998, namely: 6,021,004, 6,522,475, 6,639,729, 5,999,311, 5,917,662, 5,973,858, and 6,124,986.

Applicants also respectfully submit that U.S. Patent Nos. 6,636,360 and 6,639,729 correspond to Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 8-292372 ("JP '372"), which was relied upon in the September 24, 2003 Official Action in the parent application.

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The remaining cited documents were cited in the parent application, and copies should be available in the parent application.

The following documents are discussed at the following pages of the specification:

<u>Document</u>	<u>Page(s)</u>
8-292371	3 and 9
9-5650	4
6-265814	9
8-292372	10

Abstracts for Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Nos. 8-292371, 9-5650, 6-265814, and 8-292372 were obtained from a commercial database and should be available in the parent application.

#### FORMAL MATTERS

No fee is believed due; however, any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

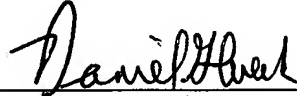
#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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